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26 January 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: RD&E Board Meetings, 26, 27, and 28 January 1971

Tuesday, 26 January

discussed the way in which the draft of intelligence needs of the substantive producing offices 25X1 had been developed for his memo to the R&D Board,
"Requirements", 20 January 1971,
elaborated on the details. In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that the list is incomplete as an expression of total R&D needs in that it reflects only the needs of the substantive offices and does not include operational needs for security, communications, etc. The draft summary of the substantive office needs will be circulated to them for comment, integration, etc. By 26 February Directorate representatives will submit to

- a. Comments and recommendations on the draft.
- b. Statements of non-substantive needs in such areas as communications, operations, security, etc.

The objective is to develop a reasonably short paper which can be used for R&D program planning guidance. Hopefully, a draft will be in hand by the end of the year which can be subsequently updated yearly by the R&D program product users.

presented his views regarding the objectives for the planning effort, and proposed PPB fiscal guidelines beginning at a base level of with three incremental add-ons of each, "Fiscal Guidelines for RD&E Planning, FY-73 - FY-77," OPPB, 25 January 1971.

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3. The outlook of the various offices were presented. first described the ORD effort. noted that he believed over-emphasis was given to black box and emplacement R&D, and that the for this effort might be reduced to about the program and were also questioned as possible areas for reduction.	25 X1
4. described the TSD program emphasizing in particular the R&D implications of increased	^{.g} 25X1
5. discussed the Commo program pointing out that the collection, communications, and security programs conducted by that office are basically independent and had been planned separately rather than collectively.	
Wednesday, 27 January	
6. George Miller described the OEL program outlook Access for collection activities is shrinking along with personnel. At the same time, the target equipment is increasing in complex and sophistication. Further, ther is some evidence of improvement in radiation security. Peripheral installations will	e
definitely be needed until an assessment can be made of the effects of space collection systems which are programmed for FY-75 and beyond. There is a general deficiency in the ability to track launches	
and it may be anticipated that in the future some operations may be needed against several countries' missile development programs in addition to those of the Soviets and Chinese. Need is foreseen for an increase and improvement in all the data analysis areas.	25X1
7. outlined the NRO photo reconnaissance program describing the types of vehicles and their basic characteristics.	
8. After lunch continued with a descripti of the NPIC program emphasizing particularly changes in the types and amounts of material received as well as improvements in the photographic material which will hav a significant impact on NPIC R&D requirements.	

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9. The remainder of the afternoon was used for the identification and discussion of items of special interest or potential issues. These included:

Greater emphasis for EOI processing R&D.

More extensive and accelerated automation of COMINT.

A possible decrease of R&D expenditures in the Payload, Emplacement, Strategic Data Aids elements of the Collection subcategory.

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The likelihood of ever successfully accomplish-	
and consequently the advisability of an	25X1
extensive R&D effort against this target.	
A strong consensus for the continuing and growing need for a hybrid facility to support CIA analysis needs.	
- a matter for policy decision.	
BW/CW current studies may bear heavily on R&D in this area.	•
- is it productive?	
Future need for emplaced automatic collection equipment	
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A need for a coordinated and vigorous effort to support	25X1
Need for additional semi-automatic signal collection equipment such as and re-	2574
furbishment/upgrading of current assets.	25X1

10. Subsequent to this discussion the Office representatives were polled regarding relative increases or decreases by program element in the initial program

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submissions for FY-73 as of 25 January 1971.

Thursday, 28 January

- ll. After completion of the increase/decrease, poll, comments were solicited regarding the rationale for the recommendations. These were discussed extensively.
- 12. The discussions regarding increases, decreases, needs, etc., were largely based on the assumption of a program level and distribution approximately as indicated in the FY-73 printout of 25 January, but with the realization of PPB fiscal guidance recommendations beginning at a level of

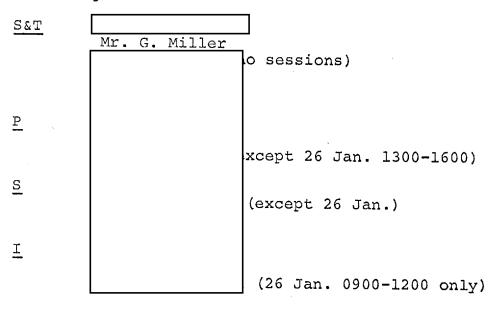
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- will prepare program distributions consistent with the OPPB recommendations for discussion at the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, 3 February at 1300 hours in the DD/S&T Conference Room.
 - 14. Participants and schedule:
 - 26 January 0900-1200, 1300-1600
 - 27 January 0900-1200, 1300-1600
 - 28 January 0900-1200, 1300-1430

Attending were:

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